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TO : Chairman, EPB

DATE: 3 January 1950

FROM : Chairman, ORE Ad Hoc Committee for Coordination of D/FE Production Plan

SUBJECT: Report of First Committee Meeting

1. The committee met on 28 December 1949 at 1400 hours and proceeded with discussion of the agenda attached hereto.

2. Those present at the meeting are listed below:

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3. The committee reached agreed recommendations on items b, c, and d of the agenda as follows:

a. That coordination should proceed in two phases:

(1) Bi-laterally by divisions.

(2) Multi-laterally by a committee composed of representatives of the divisions taking part in the bi-lateral phase.

The multi-lateral phase is intended to clarify any issue outstanding at the termination of the bi-lateral phase.

b. Divisions to participate bi-laterally in coordination with D/FE are D/NE, D/EE, D/WE, D/No, D/Ec, D/Tr, and D/IO. Personnel to engage in coordination should be chosen by the Division Chief concerned and should be from at least the intelligence control level of the respective Divisions. These same divisions, plus D/Pub and G/GS would participate in the multi-lateral phase.

c. The committee estimates that the time required for complete coordination of the D/FE plan within ORE and exclusive of EPB discussion would be approximately one month.

4. With respect to item a of the agenda, a question was raised as to whether coordination should include discussion of ideas contained in the original D/FE concept. The Chairman felt that such discussion should not be included inasmuch as the AD/ORE has withdrawn the D/FE concept from

consideration at this time. The Chairman therefore suggested

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and the Committee agreed, that those portions of the D/FE concept which are quoted in the D/FE Plan should be excluded from consideration during coordination. In effect, this would eliminate such portions from an agreed ORE draft.

5. The Committee agreed that substantive coordination should include:

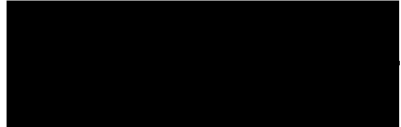
a. Clear agreement or dissent by ORE producing components on items in the D/FE Plan which concern their respective fields of responsibility.

b. Other suggestions that ORE components might wish to make for improvement of the D/FE Plan.

6. A question was raised as to whether coordination should include discussion of intelligence principles and procedures inherent in the D/FE Plan, as well as discussion of substance. The Chairman stated it was his understanding that coordination was to be restricted to substance, because the EPB would discuss principles and procedures at its own level, and apart from the coordination process. At this point several members of the Committee expressed the objection that substantive coordination of the D/FE Plan, out of reference to the principles and procedures involved, would tacitly commit their divisions to approbation of such principles and procedures, some of which they strongly opposed. Despite his feeling that the EPB mechanism affords adequate protection to those divisions which disagree fundamentally with the D/FE Plan, the Chairman has caused the objection, expressed above, to be made part of the record at the request of Lt. Colonel Reeder, and Messrs. Pendleton and Long.

7. Although not within the Committee's frame of reference, an opinion was expressed during the proceedings which the Chairman feels constrained to report, to wit: that the wisdom of proceeding with coordination and dissemination of the D/FE Plan is questionable until the EPB determines what principles and procedures should govern production planning.

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